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OF TURKEY TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF
THE SECURITY COUNCIL

With reference to my letter dated 20 January 1995, which contained in its annex the text of a statement made by H.E. Mr. Rauf Denktaş, President of the Turkish Republic of Cyprus, on 20 January 1995 concerning the peace initiative undertaken by the Turkish Cypriot side (S/1995/62), I have the honour to transmit herewith the text of the press statement made by the Spokesman of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Turkey, supporting the substantial proposals made by President Denktaş in his above-mentioned statement with regard to the political process leading to a settlement.

I should be grateful if the text of the present letter and its annex would be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) İnal BATU
Ambassador
Permanent Representative



Annex

Press statement made by the Spokesman of the Ministry of
Foreign Affairs of Turkey

The proposals put forward by H.E. Mr. Rauf Denktas, President of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus, on 20 January 1995, constitute constructive and positive steps taken by the Turkish Cypriot side towards a negotiated settlement of the Cyprus question. The position taken by President Denktas with the aim of creating an environment of mutual confidence in Cyprus and the substantial proposals he made, by their nature, would give an impetus to the political process leading to a settlement. The Turkish Cypriot side has thus displayed once again, its political will to achieve a settlement.

Turkey wants a viable settlement in Cyprus through negotiations and supports the position and proposals of President Denktas. It is our hope that the third parties will give careful consideration to these substantial proposals.

Once an agreement is reached on the package of confidence-building measures, as suggested by the Secretary-General of the United Nations, and negotiations on measures to reduce the tension between the two sides are initiated, Turkey would be prepared to make its contribution to facilitate the negotiations, with a view to helping develop an environment of confidence in the island.

In this context, in the interest of maintaining peace and stability in the region, we expect that the excessive armaments programme of southern Cyprus and the increased military activities of Greece in Cyprus, under the "joint military doctrine", will be discontinued.
